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Fenrir Craft

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IN THE HOLY ZEPHIL EMPIRE—
THE THRONE IS PASSED THROUGH THE ROYAL BLOODLINE.
THE CURRENT EMPEROR IS FROM THE HOUSE ALCADE, WHICH HAS HELD THE THRONE FOR AGES.
THERE WAS DISCORD BETWEEN THE HOUSE ALCADE AND THE SENATE, WHICH IS COMPOSED OF OTHER NOBLE FAMILIES.
THERE HAD ALSO BEEN SEVERAL GENERATIONS OF MARRIAGE WITHIN THE FAMILY, WHICH RESULTED IN A SERIES OF SICKLY EMPERORS.
AS A RESULT, THE EMPEROR'S AUTHORITY HAD SEEMINGLY BEEN WANING.
TEN YEARS AGO, CAPITAL CITY VENONHELG.
THE IMPERIAL PALACE CIVET.
BANG

#11 Day of No Return I

Pat
YOUR HIGHNESS
I'M ALMOST AN ADULT.
Pat
IF I DON'T GROW UP ON THE INSIDE TOO, I WON'T BE ABLE TO HELP MY BROTHER.
IN THAT CASE——
You didn't touch them last night
Gap
YOU MAY WISH TO BEGIN BY OVERCOMING YOUR AVERSION TO MUSHROOMS.
Ha
D-don't watch me!
TH-
THAT FUNGUS!
IT'S JUST LIKE THE MOLD THAT GROWS IN THE BATHS!!
I CAN GET STRONGER WITHOUT EATING STUFF UKE THAT!
Slice
THAT IS PROMISING.

THEN I,
BALFORD TREY ADONIS,
ALSO WISH TO BE OF USE TO YOU, PRINCE ULYSSES.
...HMPH.
DASH
THEN—
ANOTHER ROUND, BAL!
GRAB!

CLANG!
MY, MY, NOW.
THOSE ARE RELATIVES OF MY PRINCE, IF I REMEMBER RIGHT——
SOON IT'LL BE HIS ADULTHOOD CEREMONY, AND THEN——
clang!
clang!
Clang!
THAT'S PRINCE ULYSSES AND ADONIS, ISN'T IT?
THEY'RE ALWAYS SO ENERGETIC.
...THOSE FOOLISH SENATORS?
HE'LL BE READY TO REPLACE HIS SICKLY BROTHER PRINCE DIECK AND ASCEND THE THRONE.
WILL THAT WORK? THE THRONE PASSES TO THE ELDEST CHILD..
he he
he he

THE EMPEROR ADORED PRINCE ULYSSES EVEN MORE THAN HIS WIFE.
THAT BOY IS ALL HE HAS LEFT OF THE LATE EMPRESS CORDELIA.
THEN THE EMPEROR HIMSELF SHOULDN'T MIND, CORRECT?
HE'S RETURNING FROM HIS MEDICAL LEAVE EXPRESSLY TO SEE THE CEREMONY.
TALKING ABOUT THAT AGAIN?
I HEARD THAT HIS CONDITION IS POOR. PERHAPS——
HE ALSO MEANS TO SELECT HIS SUCCESSOR AT THE SAME TIME?
WHAT ARE THEY THINKING, TRYING TO BYPASS THE CROWN PRINCE——
Cling!
THEN SURELY——

THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO TAKE THE THRONE FROM THE ALCADE FAMILY!
...DON'T TELL ME
DASH
WE WILL HAVE TO IMPLORE THE EMPEROR FOR A DECISIVE ANSWER.
THEY'RE PLANNING TO CONVINCE THE PRINCE TO TAKE THE POST?
Clang
AH!
trip
I——
IN ORDER TO GAIN REAL POWER IN THE COUNTRY——
WON'T ALLOW IT.
GRAB

I WILL
S...
SORRY, BAL.
PROTECT HIM.
I WON'T LET YOU TURN HIM INTO YOUR PAWN.
ARE YOU OK?
YES
ALL THINGS CONSIDERED,
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER IF THE SICKLY PRINCE DIECK WERE TO JUST...?
OOPS, WOULDN'T IT BE TERRIBLE IF SOMEONE OVER-HEARD?
...UH!
he
he
he
he

HERE I COME!
CLANK
HOW FAR DO THEY PLAN TO TAKE THIS...!?
IT'S REALLY——
EEK!?
HUH_?
DISGUSTING!!

S—
SORRY!
YOUR HIGHNESS.
GAB
THAT WAS MY FAULT PLEASE DON'T PAY IT ANY MIND
BUT BAL..
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ADONIS!? BE CAREFUL!
SIRS,
I DO APOLOGIZE
APOLOGIZE!? IF THAT HAD BEEN JUST A LITTLE CLOSER——
IN ORDER
FOR HIS HIGHNESS TO SUPPORT HIS BROTHER THE CROWN PRINCE,
HE TRAINS DAILY.
GRIP...
SINCE WE GO ABOUT IT WITH REAL SWORDS——

There is the fear that someone might make the wrong move, and...
SH
NK
So won't you refrain from making idle chatter in a spot like this?
...WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?
ARE YOU, A MERE BODYGUARD, THREATENING US?
Worry
Worry
DON'T BE ABSURD.
I SIMPLY—
HEY!
TAP
DON'T GET CARRIED AWAY BECAUSE PRINCE ULYSESS IS FOND OF YOU!
UNDERSTAND!? YOU SHOULD HAVE A MIND FOR YOUR OWN FUTURE!

JUST HOW FAR WILL YOU——
OH MY, THIS SEEMS TO BE THE PLACE TO BE.
AH!
YOU'RE QUITE LIVELY.
DID SOMETHING GOOD HAPPEN?
U—
UM, PRINCE DIECK...

I HEARD YOUR HEALTH HAD TAKEN A TURN...
IF YOU STRAIN YOURSELF WALKING...
NO NEED TO WORRY——
tap
A LITTLE WALK WILL HARDLY KILL ME, RIGHT?
D-DON'T JOKE...
IT'S A RELIEF TO SEE YOU SO WELL.
TRULY...
WELL THEN, WE'LL TAKE OUR LEAVE
EXCUSE US
SCUFF
flip flop flip flop...
SORRY, BALFORD.

BROTHER!
AND ZEISS! ON THE JOB AS ALWAYS!
tap tap
I'VE INTERFERED WITH YOUR STRATEGY MEETING.
NO, THAT'S HARDLY WHAT WAS.
tap
I HEARD YOU CAME DOWN WITH A FEVER LAST NIGHT.
ARE YOU BETTER NOW?
I'M DOING WELL TODAY. AND THE WEATHER IS LOVELY. BESIDES——
I WANTED TO SEE YOUR SWORDPLAY, LILY.

Pat
YOU'RE WORKING HARD, RIGHT?
BUT... I'VE STILL GOT A WAYS TO GO...
You're a good kid.
blush
D...
DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A KID!
I'M ALMOST AN ADULT NOW!
MUSS
MUSS
MUSS
MUSS
MUSS

slip
REALLY!?
BUT HE DIDN'T EVEN COME BACK FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY...
SO I THOUGHT FOR SURE HE WOULDN'T COME
glow
...IT SEEMS THAT FATHER WILL ALSO BE RETURNING FROM HIS MEDICAL LEAVE TOMORROW
WELL, IT'S YOUR COMING OF AGE CEREMONY
. IT'S A SPECIAL CASE
grab
I WANT TO HURRY AND BECOME AN ADULT SO I CAN HELP YOU OUT!
SO PLEASE HURRY AND GET BETTER TOO, BROTHER!

...YEAH.
AIM FOR THE BEST, LILY.
YEAH!
——THAT'S RIGHT, LILY.
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE COMING OF AGE CEREMONY.
WILL YOU STOP BY MY ROOM TONIGHT?
——WELL THEN,
I WILL WAIT OUTSIDE

..YOUR HIGHNESS!
THERE IS SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO HIS HIGHNESS ABOUT..
WILL YOU TELL THE PRINCE FOR ME?
SURE, WILL DO
MAYBE HE'S RESTING...?
tap tap
tap
BROTHER?
IT'S ME, ULYSSES
..BROTHER?

clack
I'M COMING IN——
WHAT...
...IS THIS...?
BROTHER .....?

AH!?
Whom
OW...
Rats
clatter
HEY, ARE YOU OK——
dssss2
Chink
!?

GHG...
WHO'S THERE!?
UH...!
HUH...!?
Splatter

BROTHER!!
A-ARE YOU OK!?
SORRY! I WAS SURPRISED AND JUST ACTED—...
huff...
huff...
BRO... THER?
IS HE... NOT IN HIS RIGHT MIND?
BROTHER, IT'S ME. ULYSSES
WHAT HAPPENED—
YOUR HIGH-NESS!!

BAL!
PHEW.
YES! SO YOU'RE OK..
WHAT HAPPENED.
WHERE'S THE CROWN PRINCE..?
SIR ZEISS!?
HE WAS HIT FROM BEHIND
THERE'S NO WAY
THIS COULD HAPPEN.
I'LL GO CALL FOR HELP!
YES, PLEASE DO
CLANG

YOUR HIGHNESS!
YOU'RE HURT!? ARE YOU——
...HUH?
So long as you're around,
I won't have a moment's peace of mind, Uly.
It's your fault.
i ha ha
BALFORD
IT MUST BE THANKS TO YOUR INSTRUCTION THAT I MISSED MY CHANCE TO KILL HIM
Cover..
AS THINGS STAND NOW, I'LL NEVER KNOW WHEN SOMEONE MIGHT COME AND KILL ME IN MY SLEEP
BRO... THER?
...PRINCE .. DIECK?

...YOUR HIGHNESS,
DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU——...!
Hah!
...!?
SOMEONE HELP ME!
ULY IS TRYING TO KILL ME!!